

HOUSE BILL 294

By Freeman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to suicide prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

49-7-182. Save Tennessee Students Act.

(a) This section and § 49-6-1904 are known and may be cited as the "Save
Tennessee Students Act."

(b) If a public institution of higher education issues new student identification
cards to students enrolled in the institution, then the institution shall include on the cards:

(1) The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

and

(2) The social media handle, telephone number, or text number for at
least one (1) additional crisis resource selected by the institution, which may
include the crisis text line or, if available, a local suicide prevention hotline.

(c) Each public institution of higher education shall post the telephone number
for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the social media handle, telephone
number, or text number for at least one (1) additional crisis resource selected by the
institution, which may include the crisis text line or, if available, a local suicide prevention
hotline in a conspicuous place on each campus operated by the institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1904, is amended by deleting
subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) This section and § 49-7-182 are known and may be cited as the "Save Tennessee Students Act."

SECTION 3. The headings in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.